Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church

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Conference Minutes

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Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church January Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, December 31, 1994 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *A motion was made and seconded to call Elder Paul Stroupe as Pastor for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous standing vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Elder Newell Helms to fill a Third Sunday preaching appointment for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Elder Paul Stroupe to fill a Fourth Sunday preaching appointment for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Marshall Gaskey to serve as Church Clerk for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Tim Herrin to serve as Assistant Church Clerk for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Howard Collins to serve as Church Treasurer for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Roy Barbee to attend to the heating and air conditioning systems for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *The Assistant Church Clerk read the Church Role.*
- *The Assistahnt Church Clerk read the Church Covenant*
- *The Assistant Church Clerk read the Church Rules of Decorum.*
- *The Assistant Church Clerk read a letter from Corinth Primitive Baptist Church announcing the ordination of Brother Ken Putnam to the office of Deacon on Friday February 10, 1995 at 7:00 PM.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*144.68*
Savings Balance	*$*	*94.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*1,066.27*

Church Cemetery Annual Financial Report

Cemetery Trust Fund:		
Certificate	*$*	*19,002.77*
Checking Account	*$*	*1,616.31*
Total Trust Fund Bal.	*$*	*20,619.08*
Regular Cemetery Fund:		
Certificate	*$*	*20,454.88*
Grand Total Cemetery Fund	*$*	*41,073.96*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Tim Herrin, Assistant Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, February 4, 1995 and had prayer by Elder Harvey Carpenter followed with preaching by Elder Terry Wilson. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- It was moved and seconded that the meeting house be painted. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*27.50*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.35*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*1,266.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator

Brother Tim Herrin, Assistant Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, March 4, 1995 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*336.19*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*1,266.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Tim Herrin, Assistant Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, April 1, 1995 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The Church Clerk read a letter from Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church announcing the ordination service for Brother Grayson Auman to the office of deacon on May 19, 1995.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*73.47*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*1,266.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, May 6, 1995 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *A motion was made that the Church enter into its Annual Communion Service on the First Sunday in June, 1995. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*
- *A motion was made that the two side doors be replaced with new steel type doors. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*248.14*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*1,266.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, June 3, 1995 and had prayer by Elder Rom Curlee followed with preaching by Elder Guy Hunt. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *A price quote for applying vinyl siding to the Church building was read. A motion was made and seconded to wait one more month before taking action on this matter. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded that the Church call in its First Sunday meeting in July to be with Liberty Hill Church during their Annual Communion Service. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded that the Church enter into its Annual Communion service during this June's First Sunday meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*470.16*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Tim Herrin, Assistant Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, July 1, 1995 and had prayer by Elder Rom Curlee followed with preaching by Elder C.E. Darity. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *Brother Gene Herrin read a price quotation for covering the Church eves in vinyl material. The price was $2,680.00.*
- *Brother Bill Allmon moved that voting on this matter be carried over to a future conference meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*625.16*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, August 5, 1995 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- Brother Gene Herrin recommended the Church wait a little longer while we get another bid from a second contractor on putting vinyl on the eves of the Church building. This bid is due sometime in August of this year. This was agreeable with the Church.

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- A motion was made that the following Brothers be appointed as Messengers to the Bear Creek Associational Meeting to be held in September, 1995:

Brother Bill Almond
Brother Gene Herrin
Brother Howard Collins
Brother Jerry Carpenter (Alternate)

The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

- A motion was made that the Church Clerk write the letter of representation to the Association. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

- The Church Clerk read a letter from Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church announcing their decision to give full fellowship to Herrins Grove Primitive Baptist Church.

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*545.83*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, September 2, 1995 and had prayer by Elder Ernie Stump followed with preaching by Elder Roy Spier. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *The Church Clerk read the letter of representation to the Bear Creek Association. A motion was made to approve the letter as read. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *A motion was made that Sister Dorthy Eudy be excluded by her wish and by her action of joining a church of another order. The motion was seconded and passed by a majority vote.*
- *The Moderator opened the floow for a discussion between the membership of Meadow Creek Church and the membership of Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church and their pastor, Elder Roy Spier in order to better understand their request for fellowship with Meadow Creek Church and the circumstances leading up to this request. A good discussion of these same issues took place in an orderly manner. Following this discussion a motion was made to extend full fellowship to Bear Creek Church. The motion was seconded and passed by a majority vote of 25 to 2.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*84.42*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator

Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, September 30, 1995 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *The Church Messengers to the Bear Creek Association reported a good meeting and that the Association had voted to receive Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church into full fellowship.*
- *It was also suggested that the Church pospone putting vinyl siding on the Church building until we can build up our funds to support this and other financial committments.*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.* *(Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	$ -
Savings Balance	$ -
Balance on Interest	$ -

(The reading of the Treasurer's Report was delayed until the next conference.)

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, November 4, 1995 and had prayer by Elder Roy Speir followed with preaching by Elder Roy Speir. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *A motion was made to cover the outside woodwork on the Church with vinyl siding by R.L. Stallings at a cost of $2,086.00. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*755.58*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*

Elder Roy Speir, Moderator
Brother Tim Herrin, Assistant Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, December 2, 1995 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*1,138.89*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

MEADOW CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
20063 MEADOW CREEK CHURCH ROAD
LOCUST, NORTH CAROLINA 28097

CONFERENCE MINUTES

FROM: JANUARY, 1996

TO: DECEMBER, 1996

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Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, January 6, 1996 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *This month is the time the Church calls its pastor and the Church officers and someone to fill the Third Sunday and Fourth Sunday preaching appointments. A motion was made that due to the inclimate weather, all church offices and appointments remain the same for the coming year. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*
- *A motion was made to pospone the reading of the Church Role, Church Covenant, and Church Rules of Decorum. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*1,231.45*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
Cemetery Trust Fund:		
Certificate	*$*	*19,002.77*
Checking Balance	*$*	*3,965.23*
Total Cemetery Trust Fund	*$*	*22,968.23*
Regular Cemetery Fund:		
Certificate	*$*	*20,454.88*
Combined Total of Cemetary Funds	*$*	*43,423.11*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator

Brother Tim Herrin, Assistant Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, March 2, 1996 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *Continued the postponement of the reading of the Church Covenant and Rules of Decorum until a future conference meeting.*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The Church Clerk read over two checks to the Church received in memory of Sister Eunice Honeycutt.*
- *Brother Howard Collins, Church Treasurer, read a letter from the Clerk of Court of Cabarrus County announcing that Meadow Creek Church was a beneficary of Sister Corina Honeycutt's estate. Sister Honeycutt intended that this gift be used to start a fund that would pay for the building of a baptistry onto the end of the Church building.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*1,557.37*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, April 6, 1996 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *The reading of the Church Role, Church Covenant, and Church Rules of Decorum were postponed until a later conference meeting.*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The Church Clerk read a letter from High Hill Primitive Baptist Church regarding their Communion Service on April 20, 1996.*
- *The Church Clerk read a portion of the Last Will & Testament of Sister Corina Honeycutt. Sister Honeycutt left the church $5,000.00. Brother Jay C. Honeycutt expressed his knowledge of the use of this money. It was to be used to start a fund to build a baptistry onto the Church building.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*1,707.60*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, May 4, 1996 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *A motion was made to pospone the reading of the Church Rules of Decorum and theChurch Church Roles and the Church Covenant until the July Conference. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The Church Clerk read a letter announcing the sale of Sister Corina Honeycutt's estate on May 18, 1996.*
- *A motion was made that the Church enter into its annual communion service on the First Sunday in June, 1996. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*
- *The Church recognized a gift of $500.00 from the estate of Sister Julie Furr.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*2,582.69*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, June 1, 1996 and had prayer by Elder Joe Helms followed with preaching by Elder T.L. Webb. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *A motion was made to call in our First Sunday Service in July, 1996 to be with Liberty Hill Church during their annual communion service. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	$ -
Savings Balance	$ -
Balance on Interest	$ -

(The Church Treasurer was in the hospital and no Treasury report was given.)

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, July 6, 1996 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*
- The Church Clerk read the Church Role; Church Covenant; and Church Rules of Decorum.

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	$ -
Savings Balance	$ -
Balance on Interest	$ -
CD Balance	$ -

(There was no Treasurer's Report due to the absence of the Treasurer.)

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, August 3, 1996 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The following Brothers were appointed as Messengers to the Annual Bear Creek Association in September, 1996:*
  Brother Marshall Gaskey
  Brother Tim Herrin
  Brother Bill Almond
  Brother Gene Herrin (Alternate)
- *A motion was made that the Church Clerk write the letter of representation to the Association. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*
- *Brother Howard Collins, Church Treasurer, asked the Church to appoint a new Treasurer due to his declining health. He agreed to wait until the regularly appointed call time for this type action (January, 1998).*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*2,972.66*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,000.00*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, August 31, 1996 and had prayer by Elder Newell Helms followed with preaching by Elder Dennis Jones. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*677.07*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.23*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,000.00*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator

Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, October 5, 1996 and had prayer by Elder Joe Helms followed with preaching by Elder Joe Helms. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (The Church received a favorable report from the messengers attending the Association held with Union Grove Primitive Baptist Church.)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*610.98*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,000.00*

Elder Joe Helms, Moderator

Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

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1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*577.16*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,000.00*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

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1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *A motion was made and seconded that the Church invite Elder Sonny Pyles to fill a preaching appointment on the Fourth Sunday in March, 1997. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*719.42*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,000.00*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church

20063 Meadow Creek Church Road

Locust, North Carolina 28097

Conference Minutes

From: January, 1997

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Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church January Conference Minutes

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1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *A motion was made and seconded to call Elder Paul Stroupe as Pastor for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous standing vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Elder Newell Helms to fill a Third Sunday preaching appointment for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Elder Paul Stroupe to fill a Fourth Sunday preaching appointment for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Marshall Gaskey to serve as Church Clerk for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Tim Herrin to serve as Assistant Church Clerk for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Howard Collins to serve as Church Treasurer for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Roy Barbee to attend to the heating and air conditioning systems for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *The Church Clerk read the Church Role.*
- *The Church Clerk read the Church Covenant*
- *The Church Clerk read the Church Rules of Decorum.*
- *The Church Clerk read a letter of invitation from New Hope Church to attend an ordination service for Brother Edsel Thomas to the office of Deacon.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*859.93*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,153.14*

Church Cemetery Annual Financial Report

Cemetery Trust Fund:		
Certificate	*$*	*19,002.77*
Checking Account	*$*	*5,357.10*
Total Trust Fund Bal.	*$*	*24,359.87*
Regular Cemetery Fund:		
Certificate	*$*	*20,454.87*
Grand Total Cemetery Fund	*$*	*44,814.75*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, February 1, 1997 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *Brother Gene Herrin announced the need for a new heating system in the Church. The old unit is worn out.*
- *The Church Clerk read a letter from Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church announcing the ordination of Brother Ray Almond to the office of deacon.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*859.93*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.84*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, March 1, 1997 and had prayer by Brother Lane Vanhoy followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *A discussion of how to handle the small preaching stand at the side of the Church resulted in a motion to tear it down. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*
- *The Church Clerk read a letter from Park View Primitive Baptist Church announcing a singing school at that Church on July 7 - July 11, 1997.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*1,040.64*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, April 5, 1997 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members. (Found None)*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*1,164.78*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator

Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, May 3, 1997 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- A motion was made that the Church enter into its annual communion service on the First Sunday in June, 1997. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*1,289.36*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, May 31, 1997 and had prayer by Elder Richard Cox followed with preaching by Elder Raben Lord. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- A motion was made to call in our First Sunday service in July, 1997 to be with Liberty Hill Church during their annual communion service. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*1,394.93*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, July 5, 1997 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder T.L. Webb, Jr. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	$ -
Savings Balance	$ -
Balance on Interest	$ -
CD Balance	$ -

(The Church Treasurer was absent and there was no report.)

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, August 2, 1997 and had prayer by Brother John Cameron followed with preaching by Elder F.W. Stack. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found none)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The following brothers were appointed as messengers to the Annual Bear Creek Associational meeting in September, 1997:*
  - *Brother Bill Almond*
  - *Brother Gene Herrin*
  - *Brother Howard Collins*
  - *Brother Marshall Gaskey (Alternate)*
- *It was moved and seconded that the Church Clerk write the letter of representation to the Association. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *It was moved and seconded that the Church purchase a new oil heating system from Holbrooks for $3,945.00 installed. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made that we call for the ordination of Brother Tim Herrin to the office deacon. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote. The date of the ordination was set for October 3, 1997.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*1,558.91*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,153.14*

Elder F.W. Stack, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, September 6, 1997 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *The Church Clerk read the letter of representation to the Association. A motion was made to accept the letter as read. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*
- *Brother Howard Collins was nominated as the Church Spokesman for the ordination service of Brother Tim Herrin to the office of deacon. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*2,027.67*
Savings Balance	*$*	*254.85*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, October 4, 1997 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *Brother Howard Collins reported that after speaking with Mr. Holbrooks (heating company owner) they plan to install the new heating system this coming week.*
- *All messengers to the Association reported a good meeting. It was also reported that Herrins Grove Primitive Baptist Church had been voted back into the Association.*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*2,283.75*
Savings Balance	*$*	*257.21*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, November 1, 1997 and had prayer by Brother Gene Herrin followed with preaching by Elder Roy Spier. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*
- *The Church Treasurer reported a remaining debt of $945.00 remaining on the new heating system.*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*337.28*
Savings Balance	*$*	*257.21*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*566.27*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,153.14*

Elder Roy Spier, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, December 6, 1997 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows.

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The Church Treasurer announced that the Church had received a $2,000.00 gift from the estate of Jackson Furr at his death.*
- *A motion was made to use this $2,000.00 toward the construction of a new baptistry. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*
- *The Church Clerk read the names of the Brothers and Sisters who had contributed money to Meadow Creek Church in memory of Leverne Stroupe.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*362.42*
Savings Balance	*$*	*257.21*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*662.73*
CD Balance	*$*	*7,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

MEADOW CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
20063 MEADOW CREEK CHURCH ROAD
LOCUST, NORTH CAROLINA 28097

CONFERENCE MINUTES

FROM: JANUARY, 1998

TO: DECEMBER, 1998

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church January Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, January 3, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *A motion was made and seconded to call Elder Paul Stroupe as Pastor for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous standing vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Elder Newell Helms to fill a Third Sunday preaching appointment for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Elder Paul Stroupe to fill a Fourth Sunday preaching appointment for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Marshall Gaskey to serve as Church Clerk for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Tim Herrin to serve as Assistant Church Clerk for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Howard Collins to serve as Church Treasurer for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made and seconded to call Brother Roy Barbee to attend to the heating and air conditioning systems for one year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *The Church Clerk read the Church Role.*
- *The Church Clerk read the Church Covenant*
- *The Church Clerk read the Church Rules of Decorum.*
- *Brother Howard Collins reported that the tree roots at the side of the Church building were clogging the drain lines and had to be removed. Further, the recommendation of the plummer was that the trees be removed to prevent future clogging. No action was taken on this matter.*
- *Elder Paul Stroupe presented an opportunity to the Church to grant Elder Sonny Pyles a preaching appointment at Meadow Creek Church on the Fourth Sunday in March, 1998. The Church members present agreed to extend this invitation to Elder Pyles.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*281.74*
Savings Balance	*$*	*257.21*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*662.73*
CD Balance	*$*	*7,153.14*

Church Cemetery Annual Financial Report

Cemetery Trust Fund:

Certificate	*$*	*19,002.77*
Checking Account	*$*	*6,113.51*
Total Trust Fund Bal.	*$*	*25,116.28*

Regular Cemetery Fund:

Certificate	*$*	*20,454.88*
Grand Total Cemetery Fund	*$*	*45,571.16*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, January 31, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Roy Spier followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *Brother Howard Collins and Elder Paul Stroupe reported that the City of Locust would be installing a sewer line which would run directly down Meadow Creek Church Road and directly in front of our Church. This would take place within the next two years and would be a solution to our problem of whether or not we would have to cut down the trees at the side of the Church to eliminate their roots from blocking our present septic line sewage drain.*
- *A motion was made and seconded that the Church building be connected to this city sewer line when it was extended to our location by the City of Locust. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*10.44*
Savings Balance	*$*	*257.21*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*662.75*
CD Balance	*$*	*7,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, February 28, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The Church Clerk read the following letters from sister churches:*
  - *Crooked Creek Primitive Baptist Church: Inviting sister churches to their 5th Sunday meeting in March, 1998 (meeting times outlined)*
  - *Flet Creek Primitive Baptist Church: Announcing Elder Ordination service for Brother Gene Douglas Hogan (time and place).*
  - *New Hope Primitive Baptist Church: Informing Original Bear Creek Association Churches that they had withdrawn fellowship with them because of our action in receiving Bear Creek Church and members without constituting the church or baptising the members.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*155.45*
Savings Balance	*$*	*257.21*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*662.73*
CD Balance	*$*	*7,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church
Cleveland, Tennessee

January 17th , 1998

To: Churches of the Bear Creek Association

Dear brethren and sisters in Christ.

We, the members of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, send you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our position letter dated September 7, 1997 was sent to the Churches of the Powell's Valley and Tennessee and Nolachucky Associations. A copy was also sent to the Bear Creek Association, addressed to brother Clayton Griffin.

Our desire for Godly truth, practice and peace among true and orderly Primitive Baptist Churches; and response to our position letter, strongly suggest that we send a copy to the individual churches of the Bear Creek Association. A copy of our letter is attached for your information.

In sweet hope for the truth in word and deed.

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Cleveland, Tennessee.

This letter was read and adopted in conference January 17th, 1998.

Moderator: Elder Richard Martin

Clerk: Brother Kirk Messer

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Crooked Creek Church: W.T. Broadway, 5310 Rocky River Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079
Herrin's Grove Church: Chris Broadway, 601 Station Dr., Monroe, NC 28110
High Hill Church: Dennis Pressley, 1117 Tom Boyd Rd., Monroe, NC 28110
High Point Church: Lindsey Allen, 1710 Shady Grove Ch. Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27107
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Liberty Hill Church: Reece Eury, 16244 McLester Rd., Oakboro, NC 28129
Meadow Creek Church: Marshall Gaskey, Jr., 1507 Newgate Ct., Concord, NC 28027
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Park View Church: Elwood Ashby, 4175 Grubbs Rd., Walkertown, NC 27051
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Cover Letter Only:

All Churches In The Powell's Valley Association
Both Churches In The Tennessee and Nolachucky Association
Elder Frank L. Smith, Pastor Of Hamilton Primitive Baptist Church, Hamilton Ohio
Elder David Parr, Of The Second Creek Association

September 7 , 1997

Dear Brethren and Sisters of Churches in the Bear Creek Association ,

We , the members of the Primitive Baptist Church at New Hope , Cleveland , Tennessee , send you greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ .

With all the trouble and turmoil that exists in the ranks of our churches and the elders of our area during these trying times , we fill the necessity , after much prayerful consideration , to state the position of New Hope Church .

In our August conference , Sunday afternoon on the 17th day of the month , after much discussion and deliberation , the church voted unanimously to refuse to recognize the action of the churches of the Bear Creek Association in receiving the Bear Creek Church into full fellowship without benefit of a church constitution and scriptural baptism .

We feel that :

1- the Bear Creek Association violated Article 12 of their Articles of Faith , "We believe that no man , as a minister , has any right to the administration of any ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel , regularly baptized , called of God and have come under the imposition of the hands by a regular presbytery" , yet they accepted the baptism administered by an elder that advocated 'absolutism' .

2- the action taken by the Bear Creek Churches is in violation of the word of God and the manner that the Primitive Baptists have taken bodies of believers into fellowship over the years . EXAMPLE: Cave Creek Church of the Powell's Valley Association .

3- since the official action was taken in 1995 , with activity preceding that date by several years , and since a committee , representing several churches from the Powell's Valley Association , visited the Bear Creek Church earlier this year to no avail , we recognize that labor has been expended .

With all actions prayerfully considered , we at New Hope Church voted , at this time , to break fellowship with all churches of the Bear Creek Association and those churches and elders that uphold and support the action taken by them in receiving of Bear Creek Church into their fellowship by the means that they did so .

Furthermore , we will not knowingly receive into this church , preach in the pulpit , preach with , nor accept the work of those who have been withdrawn from as a result of the action taken by New Hope Church .

We accept the position of the Powell's Valley Association corresponding letter written by Elder John Robbins , approved by all churches of this association and printed in their 1996 minutes . We quote in part , "We believe it to be essential to the identity of the True Church to maintain Doctrine and Practice in agreement with the Divinely Inspired Word of God as revealed unto the Saints in Light.....We believe that it is only to the True Church that he has given the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.....We further believe that those who leave the True Church and go off in heresy or disorder have lost the authority to administer the Ordinances.....Once the True Church has scripturally labored with those in Her Body that have departed from the Doctrine of the Church and has withdrawn Herself from them , they cease to have any right or authority to function as a church member or a church body.....We will not knowingly fellowship nor accept the work of those who have departed

from the Faith and have advocated such heresies as those held by the absoluters , missionaries , non-ressurectionists , two-seeders , progessives , no-hellers , pre-millenialist , or other doctrine that is contrary to that which we believe.....We pray that these things will be prayerfully considered and that our beloved Zion will be delivered from unsound and disorderly brethren ." END QUOTE!!!

Our deep heart-felt prayer at New Hope Church is that all brethren will repent and come together in in this matter and that Godly Peace will once again reign in Zion .

In sweet hope and love for the truth ,

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church

This letter was read and adopted in conference September 7 , 1997

Moderator - Elder Richard Martin

Clerk - Brother Kirk Messer

DISTRIBUTION :

A- Both Churches In The Tennessee and Nolachucky Association

B- All Churches In The Powell's Valley Association

C- To The Churches Of The Bear Creek Association (Mailed To Bro. Clayton Griffin)

D- Elder Frank L. Smith , Pastor Of Hamilton Primitive Baptist Church , Hamilton Ohio

E- Elder David Parr , Of The Second Creek Association

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, April 4, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The Church Clerk read a letter from High Hill Primitive Baptist Church announcing their first communion service of 1998 to be on April 18, 1998 beginning with song service at 7:00 PM and continuing into their communion service only at 7:30 PM.*
- *Elder Stroupe announced that the plumbing problem in the church had been fixed by Holbrooks this past Friday.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*189.68*
Savings Balance	*$*	*257.21*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*662.73*
CD Balance	*$*	*7,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, May 2, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Opened the doors of the Church for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The Church Clerk read a letter from Brother Jerry & Sister Juanita Carpenter asking that their names be removed from the Church Role (original letter attached).*
- *A motion was made & seconded that the Church accept Brother Jerry & Sister Juanita Carpenters' request to remove their names from the Church Role. The motion passed by a vote of 12 in Favor and 0 opposed.*
- *Elder Stroupe reminded the Church of our Communion meeting during the First Weekend in June, 1998. Elder John Scott plans to be with the Church during that meeting as well as filling appointments at Liberty Hill and High Hill Churches.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*163.94*
Savings Balance	*$*	*257.21*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*662.23*
CD Balance	*$*	*7,153.14*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

PO Box 214
Albemarle, NC 28002
April 18, 1998 2:30 AM

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Locust, NC

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It is with much sadness that we write this letter.

Back on September 2, 1995, Meadow Creek Church voted in Conference to fellowship a group of people calling themselves Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Six of the group, asking to fellowship us, had been excluded January 4, 1992 from Bear Creek Church that was established in 1791 and one which we had not been in fellowship with since 1927 because of the absoluter doctrine they had professed. These six excluded only have absoluter baptism.

Juanita and I stood and voted against that motion at the time it was made. Since that time we have spent much time in prayer, soul searching and study of such verses in the bible as follows:

Prov. 25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.
1 Peter 4:16 & 17 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?
2 Thes. 3:6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

There are many more. Therefore, Juanita & I can not bring shame and reproach on the Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and to our forefathers who stood, fought and died for her by communing with people with absoluter baptism.

We hereby humbly request that our names be removed from the membership rolls of Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church. We love each and every one of you and ask for your prayers that we might walk together again at a later time, God willing.

Humbly submitted in love,

Jerry B Carpenter
Jerry B Carpenter

Juanita B Carpenter
Juanita B Carpenter

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, June 6, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Roy Spier followed with preaching by Elder John Scott. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Published the doors of the Church open for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *It was moved and seconded that the Church enter into its annual communion service on the First Sunday in June, 1998. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*
- *It was moved and seconded that the Church call in its First Sunday meeting in July, 1998 to be with Liberty Hill Church during their annual Communion meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*163.94*
Savings Balance	*$*	*257.21*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*662.23*
CD Balance	*$*	*7,153.14*

The previous month's treasury report was carried forward to this month due to the illness of the Church Treasurer. No more current report was presented or read.

Elder Newell Helms, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

** Note: Elder Stroupe was ill during the entire weekend and unable to attend services.*

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, July 4, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Published the doors of the Church open for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *Due to poor health, the Church Treasurer, Bro. Howard Collins, asked to be releaved of the duties and responsibilities of this office. The Church granted Bro. Collins' request.*
- *A motion was made and seconded that Bro. Tim Herrin serve as Church Treasurer. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	$ -
Savings Balance	$ -
Balance on Interest	$ -
CD Balance	$ -

The previous month's treasury report was carried forward to this month due to the illness of the Church Treasurer. No more current report was presented or read.

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Tim Herrin, Asst. Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, August 1, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Published the doors of the Church open for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The Church appointed the following Brothers to serve as messengers to the Original Bear Creek Associational Meeting to be held on the third weekend in September, 1998:*

  Elder Paul Stroupe
  Brother Bill Allman
  Brother Eugene Herrin
  Brother Joe Robinson (Alternate)

- *The Assistant Church Clerk read a letter from Union Grove Church inviting out membership to the ordination of Brother C.W. Helms to the office of deacon on Friday night before the second Sunday in August.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*486.16*
Savings Balance	*$*	*-*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*-*
CD Balance	*$*	*-*

Due to the change in Church Treasurer, all current account balances were not reported. They will be updated at the September, 1998 Conference Meeting.

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Tim Herrin, Asst. Church Clerk

North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church

June 5, 1998

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Bro. Marshall Gaskey
~~174 Arlington Ave., SE~~
Concord, NC 28025

Dear members of the Bear Creek Association:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we write this letter with much Love, but deep concern. It has been over a year since five (5) Brothers and Sisters removed their names from Bethel Church and asked for membership in North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church. There have been several letters written (see attachments) regarding these dear loving people.

Since there has been no official response from the Bear Creek Association concerning this matter, we at North Charleston Church feel it is our duty to open our doors of membership to these five and any other persons who desire to join us by Confession of Faith. Therefore, the second weekend in July 1998, we will open our doors of membership to those persons that provide evidence of a sound faith in the Primitive Baptist Church doctrines and demonstrate a Love for the North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church. We will accept them on Confession of Faith.

In Christian Love and Fellowship

Terrell Harvey

Elder Terrell Harvey, Pastor

Gayle Grayson

Sis. Gayle Grayson, Clerk
27 Boardman Road
Charleston, SC 29407

CC: All Churches of the Bear Creek Association

Enclosures

July 20, 1997

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church
c/o Brother Mason Anderson, Church Clerk
Shallotte, N.C. 28459

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ:

North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church and its pastor Elder Terrell Harvey would like to send this letter to you with our true love and sincere desire to make amends for any confusion or offense that we have caused Bethel Church and The Bear Creek Association.

In March of 1997, we accepted by "Confession of Faith" five (5) past members of Bethel Church. We had the understanding that they had excluded themselves from Bethel by requesting their names be removed from the church roll. We understood that unhappiness existed between members of Bethel Church, but failed to understand the authority that a Church of Christ has over its members. Therefore, not understanding this we made the error of how and when "Confession of Faith" can be exercised.

With extended laboring with fellow brethren and ministers of Christ, I the paster realized the error that was made. My offense as Pastor of North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church is not just to Bethel Church and The Bear Creek Association but also to North Charleston Church and my home church of St. Paul's in Hampton, S.C.

We at North Charleston called a special conference the first of June, 1997 to correct the error that we made. After discussion, the Church voted unanimously to rescind our decision on the acceptance of the five (5) members of Bethel Church by "Confession of Faith". The five (5) members willingly and lovingly accepted North Charleston's decision, understanding that before we at North Charleston, could accept them as members, they would return to Bethel Church to request reinstatement. If it was still their desire to move their membership to North Charleston, they would ask Bethel Church to grant each of them a letter noting their faith and good standing.

North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church and I, Terrel Harvey, Pastor offer our deepest apology to Bethel Church and its members for our error. We hope that you would see fit to forgive us and pray for us now and in the years to come that we might grow in knowledge and faith.

With Sincere Love and Christian Fellowship,

Elder Terrell Harvey, Pastor

This letter was read and unanimously approved by members of North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church in conference on July 20, 1997.

Sister Gayle Grayson, Clerk

North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church
1151 Wright St.
N. Charleston, SC 29406

Bear Creek Association
C/O Elder Joe Helms
Route 2, Box 367
Peachland, N.C. 28110

Dear Members of the Bear Creek Association:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we write this letter with much Love, but with deep concern. In the first of March 1997 we received into North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church by **Confession of Faith** five(5) Brothers and Sisters that had removed their names from the membership roll at Bethel Church. When word got out that this was done I, Pastor Terrell Harvey of North Charleston Church had discussions with Elder Roy Speirs, Elder Joe Helms and Elder Newell Helms concerning the matter. With much laboring in Love they made me realize the error which was made. By this action North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church had offended Bethel Church and the Bear Creek Association by failing to recognize the authority which a church has over its members. We were counseled by these Elders that the best way of handling the matter was for the five(5) Brothers and Sisters to return to Bethel Church to ask for forgiveness, and have their memberships reinstated, and request to receive letters to join the Church of their choice.

During the forth Sunday of July 1997, the five Brothers and Sisters returned to Bethel along with eight(8) members of the North Charleston Church with my wife and myself accompanying. The members from North Charleston were there to support their desire to ask the forgiveness of Bethel Church and to have these five(5) members, once they received their letters, to have a home with the Charleston Church. That day one letter was presented from the North Charleston Church and three letters from ten(10) past members who all were asking for forgiveness, and three(3) also asking for a letter so that they could come to North Charleston Church in Peace.

<u>The letters were read, the letter from North Charleston was excepted and we were forgiven. To our surprise, the three letters representing the ten(10) members asking for letters were denied.</u>

The following are the actions that took place that day. We, at North Charleston Church feel that what we witnessed was totally contrary to the teachings of the Gospel; and so we bring our charge against the conduct of Bethel Church to the Bear Creek Association. We hope that you will note our concerns and deal with them in a God fearing manner.

Sunday, July 24th 1997:

After Church services conference was brought into session, all Brothers and Sisters of the same faith and order were asked to seat with Bethel Church.

Minutes were read from the last conference

The clerk read the rules of decorum and articles of faith.

During old business a letter from Sister Faye Mintz that was written in <u>March, 1997</u> was read asking that her name be removed from the Church Roll. Request was given.

Conference moved on into new business, after other activities the letter from North Charleston Church was read. They asked if I would like to speak. I stood and confirmed all that was stated in the letter. I asked that Bethel see fit to forgive North Charleston and myself for the error that was made. **They did so.**

Brother Robert Turner stood and ask if he could read three(3) letters, one representing the five Brothers and Sisters, a second letter representing two others, and a third letter representing three others. Request was approved.
(Brother Robert Turner served as spokesman for the 10 members, due to the fact that women were not permitted to speak in church.)

Each letter that was read was asking for forgiveness and to have their names reinstated in order to properly received a letter so they could have a home with North Charleston Church. **Request denied.**

Before the request was denied many brethren were permitted to speak, stating their opinion. Below are the discussions that took place.

After the three letters were read by Bro. Turner, the Moderator asked that these letters be turned over to the Church. Then the Moderator Elder Newell Helms stood asking that his seat be filled by another member and began explaining to the Church that he felt that first these members should returned to Bethel for a period of time in order that their sincerity be determine before they were granted letters.
(Should a Moderator who is not a member of the church be the first to speak in behalf of the Church. This could sway the thoughts of many Brethren and Sisters.)

Then, I, Pastor Terrell Harvey of North Charleston Church spoke concerning this matter. I asked that Bethel Church please consider the request of these ten(10) Brethren and Sisters---to forgive them, reinstate their names, and grant them letters.

Deacon Gore then spoke. He stated that he loved Pastor Terrell Harvey and the members of North Charleston Church, but we were not in attendance the day that the five removed their names from the Church. He stated these five were not pleased in the way Bethel Church dealt with Elder Mintz.
(Is it wrong that if the minority can not submit to the majority to request a letter to go to another Church so that peace can continue).

Deacon McLamb then spoke. He said that if he left his wife and returned and stated that he was sorry, he would not expect his wife to just open her arms and take him back in.
(How can we relate to man in the sinful state we are in and compare it with what Jesus commands us to do).

Brother Scott McLamb then spoke and stated that if Bethel Church would except the ten members back and grant them letters, it would show the true love that Bethel Church has for them and maybe in the future they would come back to Bethel Church.
(This man's heart was for peace in Zion)

Elder Helms once again had his seat filed and stressed that he did not think the Church should reinstate the ten(10) people and then immediately grant them a letter.

Sometime during these discussions Brother Anderson Stood and supported the statements made by the other deacons.

I, Pastor Terrell Harvey once again pleaded for the mercy of the Church.

Brother Carson Hopkins from North Charleston Church then asked to be heard. He stated that he had witnessed the love within the hearts of the five Brethren and Sisters which North Charleston Church had received by Confession of Faith. He began to plead in their defense but was asked by the Moderator "to get to the point".
(How can anyone interrupt a guest Brethren while he is speaking and rudely hurt his feelings by asking him to get to the point. This Moderator offended this Brother.)

A sister, one of the ten, stood and ask the Moderator if her case could be considered separately and not with the five that were being condemned. It was a separate case and should be dealt with as such. Moderator then stated for her "to see him after church".
(Three letters were read, each were different cases but yet the church dealt with all three(3) as one.)

Bethel Church then voted not to grant the letters. They never voted on whether to forgive them or reinstate them. They never discussed the other letters. They judged all ten with the five that had come to North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church on Confession of Faith.
(I noted five of Bethel's members did not vote. Two came to the ten after Church was over and said they were sorry that this happen.)

Scriptures that we should relate to.

1. Psalm 133:1
2. Genesis 13:8-11
3. Matthew 18:15-17
4. Matthew 18:21-22
5. John 8:4-11
6. 1st Corinthians 13:1-13
7. 2nd Thessalonians 3:6
8. 1st Corinthians 14:33
9. Psalm 111:1

A Church has authority over its members. The Church is the Bride of the Lamb of God. We are the adopted Children of God which are blessed to find refuge in the bosom of the Bride. Man in its sinful state has no authority except to do the will of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Do we have the authority to refuse to forgive and condemn one of God's Children? Jesus himself condemned not the harlot but said, "Go and sin no more". Are we to hear the Brothers and Sisters requests to forgive them for any wrong doing, then say their sincerity should first be proven? I do believe that if they have falsely testified, that the blood is on the person's hands that falsely stated his feelings. But God has said to "forgive seventy times seven". Is it not God that knows the very intent of the heart? Is it not God that judges his people righteously?

Our charge against Bethel Church is their failure to love, forgive and to work together for peace in Zion. They failed to deal with the three letters as separate issues. They offended a visiting brother by not allowing him to speak from his heart. The Moderator should never interrupt a brother while speaking unless he is speaking in a disorderly fashion. They failed to respond to a young lady's request that she be dealt with separately and not with the five that were being condemned.

I still to this day find it hard to understand how men can cast ten(10) of God's Children out of Church due to a disagreement in conference. The exclusion of these members was due to a difference of opinion in conference, not an issue of Faith and ones belief. We must remember that the authority of the Church belongs to Christ and not Man.

Please find all the letters attached that were presented in conference to Bethel Church from North Charleston Church and the ten(10)former Bethel members. Also, please find attached three(3) letters received in conference at North Charleston Church on Sunday, August 17, 1997.

Our request is to find a way to be at peace one with the other, and the mention ten to have a home in a Primitive Baptist Church of their choice.

Pray for us often. Forgive us if we have erred. We love you and we will pray for you in this matter that your decision will be of God.

In Christian Love and Fellowship,

Elder Terrell Harvey, Pastor

The above letter was read and approved by North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church in Conference on Sunday, August 24, 1997.

Sister Gayle Grayson, Clerk

Bro. Mack Cowart, Deacon

North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church
c/o Sister Gayle Grayson
27 Boardman Road
Charleston, SC 29407

North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church

July 14, 1998

Dear members of the Bear Creek Association,

On Tuesday, June 23, 1998, Elders Rommie Williams, Joe Helms, Newell Helms, Larry Austin, W.M. Benton, Roy Speirs, Richard Kirby, Charles Smith met with Elder Terrell Harvey and Bro. Mack Cowart from North Charleston Primitive Baptist and Elders Robert Dobson, Charlie Craps and Bro. N. W. Terry, Bro. Jarrell from St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church in Hampton, SC. These Brothers discussed the issues between Bethel Church and North Charleston Church as outlined in the June 5th correspondence from North Charleston Church.

The ministers from Bear Creek Association asked that North Charleston Church give Bethel Church additional time to resolve the situation with its former members.

North Charleston Church voted in conference on July 12th to give Bethel Church until the 2nd weekend of September to reexamine each of the ten (10) members request for reinstatement and give a letter to those who so desire to move their membership to another Primitive Baptist Church.

In Christian Love and Fellowship,

Terrell Harvey

Elder Terrell Harvey, Pastor

Gayle Grayson

Sis. Gayle Grayson, Clerk
27 Boardman Road
Charleston, SC 29407

CC: All Churches and Ministers of the Bear Creek Association

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, September 5, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Newell Helms followed with preaching by Elder Frank Butry. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *The Church Clerk read the Church's letter of representation to the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association.*
- *A motion was made and seconded that this letter be approved as read and sent with our messengers to this years associational meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

4th *Published the doors of the Church open for reception of members.*

- *A motion was made and seconded to receive Lydia Herrin as a candidate for baptism and church membership. The motion passed by a unanimous show of hands.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.*

- *The Church Clerk read an informational letter written to Elder Terrel Harvey and the members of North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church from the members of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Shallotte, NC. No action was required.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*48.79*
Savings Balance	*$*	*-*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*-*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,582.99*

Bro. Tim Herrin, Church Treasurer, reported he had not received new bank statements showing Savings Balance and Balance on Interest at this time.

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church
Pastor Elder Newell Helms *Calabash, NC 28467*

August 23, 1998

Elder Terrell Harvey
and North Charleston Primitive
Baptist Church
27 Boardman Road
Charleston, SC 29407-3722

RE: Ten (10) former members of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church

Dear Elder Harvey and Members:

It has come to our attention through various letters (the last one dated 14 July, 1998) from your Church and otherwise that your Church plans to accept the ten (10) former members you mentioned in that letter.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that decision is entirely up to you and your Church; that is to say Bethel has no ill will toward your Church or to these former members and if North Charleston wishes to accept these former members as members, we have no problem with that. Take them if that is what you choose to do.

As a matter of explanation to you and your Church, however, we feel it expedient to let you know why we did not accept them back as members and then give them a letter of good standing.

In that regard, the circumstances of their withdrawal of membership from Bethel arose because of their anger and disagreement with the Church's discipline of former member Elder W. C. Mintz. They withdrew in protest at the time (or shortly thereafter) the Church dealt with his case. After their withdrawal not a single one of these members has returned to Bethel except once as a group when you were present with them. Since that time until today, approximately eighteen (18) months, not one of these former members has taken any action, engaged in any conduct or otherwise shown any love toward Bethel or its members. That was the condition that existed at the time you appeared with them in our conference back in July of 1997 asking Bethel to accept them back as members and give them a letter of good standing.

Elder Harvey, under the circumstances as they existed in July of 1997, the Church did not accept their presentation of themselves as a group to the Church asking for membership and, therefore, did not give them a letter of good standing to your Church. Since that time not a single one has come to Church or shown any other visible evidence of love toward Bethel Church.

Given these circumstances, Bethel feels it acted properly in July of 1997 when it did not accept the ten (10) members as a group upon their request for readmittance to be followed by a letter of good standing. None of these members have taken any action in the intervening twelve (12) months which evidences any love toward Bethel Church. They live in the community and they have not chosen to come to Church, which we feel is a simple and direct indication of a lack of love and respect toward the Church.

We can only judge a person's request for membership in the Church based upon the evidence of their love and desire to be a member of the Church. Bethel will continue to accept people as members when they have shown, through profession and action, a love for the Church. We believe that is the way people should be admitted to a Church. We do not believe that Church membership rests upon some formalistic or legalistic approach. Insofar as we are concerned, a candidate for membership will be judged by their public profession and visible evidence of their love for our Church and our cause. We believe that to be the Biblical requirement for membership. Don't you?

Given this state of affairs, we simply reiterate we have no ill will nor an ax to grind with any of these former members nor with your Church. We do not wish our position in this matter to cause you, North Charleston Primitive Baptist Church, nor anyone else a problem. We, therefore, hope this letter will make clear why we did not accept them back as members. We also hope this letter makes it clear we have no problem with what you do with regard to these former members.

We bid both you and them God speed.

Sincerely,

Elder Newell Helms

Elder Newell Helms
Pastor
Bethel Primitive Baptist Church

This letter read and approved by Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in conference on 23 August, 1998.

Mason H. Anderson

Mason H. Anderson
Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, October 3, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.*

- *The messengers to the Original Bear Creek Association (Eld. Paul Stroupe, Bros. Bill Allman, Eugene Herrin, & Joe Robinson) reported that we had a wonderful association with good preaching and a spirit of harmony and love among the attendees. It was moved and seconded that the Church Clerk write a letter to Mountain Creek Church expressing our appreciation for their good work in hosting the Association. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

4th *Published the doors of the Church open for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*290.62*
Savings Balance	*$*	*-*
Balance on Interest	*$*	*-*
CD Balance	*$*	*5,582.99*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Tim Herrin, Asst. Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, October 31, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church.* *(Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business.* *(Found None)*

4th *Published the doors of the Church open for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business.* *(Found None)*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*405.00*
Savings Balance	*$*	*262.16*
CD Balance	*$*	*8,291.04*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Conference Minutes

Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church Locust, NC met Saturday, December 5, 1998 and had prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe followed with preaching by Elder Paul Stroupe. After preaching the Church convened in Regular Conference. The order of business was as follows:

1st *Invited visiting brothers and sisters to seats. (All were seated)*

2nd *Called for the spiritual health of the Church. (Found all at peace)*

3rd *Called for reference or unfinished business. (Found None)*

4th *Published the doors of the Church open for reception of members.*

5th *Called for new or miscellaneous business. (Found None)*

- *A motion was made and seconded that the Church Clerk write a letter to Mr. Jim Rogers thanking him for the generous use of several pieces of his farm equipment to assist the Church in its annual leaf cleanup. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

6th *Treasurer's Report:*

General Treasury Balance	*$*	*551.28*
Savings Balance	*$*	*262.16*
CD Balance	*$*	*8,291.04*

Elder Paul Stroupe, Moderator
Brother Marshall Gaskey, Church Clerk